East Windsor Veterans Commission Special Meeting Minutes August 12, 2021 7pm American Legion Post 40 7 Gardner Street East Windsor CT 06088

Call to order: 7:03

Pledge: Led by Jim Barton

Attendance:

Present: Bob Dynak, Jim Barton, Peter Sanders, Gil Hayes, Rick Webster, Mary Morgan, Ken Crouch, Mark

Simmons, Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan, Ed Filipone

Absent: Bob Lyke, Bruce Putinas, Vic DeCapua

Public Session: NA

Added Agenda Item: NA

Secretary Report

Meeting minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented Bob Dynak, Dan Morgan second.

All in favor

Treasurer Report: account total \$29,062.63, the deposit was given to Platt Timing for the road race of \$600.00. Motion made by Scott Morgan approves the treasurer report as presented by Peter Sanders, Bob Dynak second. All in favor

Chairman report:

Street Flag: I check all the street flags on both sides of town, Broad Brook had a lot of flags missing or broken. I had the town department take down all the broken flags, leaving only a few around the town hall. Currently, we do not have enough to replace all that are missing or broken. Warehouse Point side of town was not as bad, there are 57 in total for the whole town. Every year we need to replace about ½. Windsor Locks used a smaller flag. I think we should try a few that are 2 ½ by 4, they will fit on the same pole.

Peter: we need a solid pole; they seem to break in the middle of the two pieces. Discussion of flags and poles. Motion made by Gil Hayes to purchase replacement flags that are 2 ½ x 4, Scott Morgan second. All in favor Meeting notices, emails for the meeting will go out the Monday before the Thursday meeting. Our meeting is always on the second Thursday of the month. Discussion of the meeting location, we have been meeting at the American Legion Hall for the past year, it is a large open room, which is cleaned and mostly closed to the public between meetings. Currently, at town hall, there is a mask mandate, the key for the door system is hard to use, and our meetings would need to be hybrid (zoom/in person).

Rick, I think we should just keep the meetings here for now. Gil, I am wearing a mask, I do have a lower immune system. Ken, anyone is free to wear a mask if they want to. Jim, I recognize we are a town organization but agree we should keep the meetings here for now. The sprinkler system is installed and working at Memorial Green. It is on a timer and managed by the company.

Green: Sandy from PMC is out of work; they did send another person to clean up the flowers and bushes. Roses do need to be cut back. I am considering pink for the color of the t-shirts for the road race.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Bruce, Ed, Dan will work on the fundraising for the road race.

Publicity: We need more publicity for the road race and our other projects.

Memorial Day: NA

Cemetery- Cemetery Flags: NA

Service Officer: Pain management course available, see Bob Lyke for more details

Road Race 2021: Signed the timer contract, a letter will be sent to military for speaker, runner forms updates, sponsor forms updated. Dan will contact Mass conn for the donuts. Motion made by Scott, all runner fees will be non-refundable, and transferable to next year's road race in the event we have to cancel, Gil Hayes second. All in favor Motion made by Scott, all sponsor money will be refunded in the event we have to cancel the road race, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Wreaths Across America: We got an email from Wreaths Across America, they are stating we had a sponsor pay for the wreaths and we have a credit. Dan will contact them for more information. In the past, we have gotten and paid for 27 wreaths. We never knew any of this information, that we had a sponsor.

New Business:

Paver drive: we currently have six requests for pavers, they will be engraved on-site by Daly, the paver drive will be open till September 30th, town website will be updated with a new paver form. Pavers will be \$50.00 per paver. Ken Crouch will be in charge of the paver drive.

Old Business: NA

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Chris scholarship winner

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 Scott Morgan, Dan Morgan second. All in favor

Submitted by Jill Caron